

HOUSE BILL No. 1284

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 9-18.

Synopsis: Humane society special group license plate. Establishes the humane society special group recognition license plate, and sets fees for the plate. Establishes the humane society fund (fund), and requires the bureau of motor vehicles to deposit money from a certain fee for the plate into the fund. Requires the bureau of motor vehicles to distribute money from the fund to humane societies in Indiana.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning motor vehicles.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 9-18-15-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.68-2006,
2 SECTION 1, AND AS AMENDED BY P.L.58-2006, SECTION 2, IS
3 CORRECTED AND AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
4 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007]: Sec. 1. (a) A person who is the
5 registered owner or lessee of a:
6 (1) passenger motor vehicle;
7 (2) motorcycle;
8 (3) recreational vehicle; or
9 (4) vehicle registered as a truck with a declared gross weight of
10 not more than:
11 (A) eleven thousand (11,000) pounds;
12 (B) nine thousand (9,000) pounds; or
13 (C) seven thousand (7,000) pounds;
14 registered with the bureau or who makes an application for an original
15 registration or renewal registration of a vehicle may apply to the bureau
16 for a personalized license plate to be affixed to the vehicle for which
17 registration is sought instead of the regular license plate.

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(b) A person who:

(1) is the registered owner or lessee of a vehicle described in subsection (a); and

(2) is eligible to receive a license plate for the vehicle under:

(A) IC 9-18-17 (prisoner of war license plates);

(B) IC 9-18-18 (disabled veteran license plates);

(C) IC 9-18-19 (Purple Heart license plates);

(D) IC 9-18-20 (Indiana National Guard license plates);

(E) IC 9-18-21 (Indiana Guard Reserve license plates);

(F) IC 9-18-22 (license plates for persons with disabilities);

(G) IC 9-18-23 (amateur radio operator license plates);

(H) IC 9-18-24 (civic event license plates);

(I) IC 9-18-24.5 (In God We Trust license plates);

~~(J)~~ *(J)* IC 9-18-25 (special group recognition license plates);

~~(K)~~ *(K)* IC 9-18-29 (environmental license plates);

~~(L)~~ *(L)* IC 9-18-30 (kids first trust license plates);

~~(M)~~ *(M)* IC 9-18-31 (education license plates);

~~(N)~~ *(N)* IC 9-18-32.2 (drug free Indiana trust license plates);

~~(O)~~ *(O)* IC 9-18-33 (Indiana FFA trust license plates);

~~(P)~~ *(P)* IC 9-18-34 (Indiana firefighter license plates);

~~(Q)~~ *(Q)* IC 9-18-35 (Indiana food bank trust license plates);

~~(R)~~ *(R)* IC 9-18-36 (Indiana girl scouts trust license plates);

~~(S)~~ *(S)* IC 9-18-37 (Indiana boy scouts trust license plates);

~~(T)~~ *(T)* IC 9-18-38 (Indiana retired armed forces member license plates);

~~(U)~~ *(U)* IC 9-18-39 (Indiana antique car museum trust license plates);

~~(V)~~ *(V)* IC 9-18-40 (D.A.R.E. Indiana trust license plates);

~~(W)~~ *(W)* IC 9-18-41 (Indiana arts trust license plates);

~~(X)~~ *(X)* IC 9-18-42 (Indiana health trust license plates);

~~(Y)~~ *(Y)* IC 9-18-43 (Indiana mental health trust license plates);

~~(Z)~~ *(Z)* IC 9-18-44 (Indiana Native American trust license plates);

~~(AA)~~ *(AA)* IC 9-18-45.8 (Pearl Harbor survivor license plates);

~~(BB)~~ *(BB)* IC 9-18-46.2 ~~(Indiana)~~ (state educational institution trust license plates);

~~(CC)~~ *(CC)* IC 9-18-47 (Lewis and Clark bicentennial license plates);

~~(DD)~~ *(DD)* IC 9-18-48 (Riley Children's Foundation license plates); ~~or~~

~~(EE)~~ *(EE)* IC 9-18-49 (National Football League franchised ~~professional~~ football team license plates);

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~~(EE)~~ **(FF)** *IC 9-18-50 (Hoosier veteran license plates); or*
~~(FF)~~ **(GG)** *IC 9-18-51 (support our troops license plates); or*
(HH) IC 9-18-52 (humane society license plates);

may apply to the bureau for a personalized license plate to be affixed to the vehicle for which registration is sought instead of the regular special recognition license plate.

SECTION 2. IC 9-18-52 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007]:

Chapter 52. Humane Society License Plate

Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "humane society" means an organization that:

- (1) is a charitable organization under Section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code;
- (2) is registered to do business in Indiana;
- (3) is located within Indiana;
- (4) is a member of a national network of humane societies that are affiliated with the American Humane Society; and
- (5) is an animal welfare organization.

Sec. 2. Beginning January 1, 2008, the bureau shall design and issue a humane society license plate. The humane society license plate must be designed and issued as a special group recognition license plate under IC 9-18-25.

Sec. 3. After December 31, 2007, a person who is eligible to register a vehicle under this title is eligible to receive a humane society license plate under this chapter upon doing the following:

- (1) Completing an application for a humane society license plate.
- (2) Paying the appropriate fee under section 4 of this chapter.

Sec. 4. (a) The fee for a humane society license plate is as follows:

- (1) The appropriate fee under IC 9-29-5-38.
- (2) An annual fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25).
- (b) The annual fee referred to in subsection (a)(2) shall be collected by the bureau.
- (c) The annual fee referred to in subsection (a)(2) shall be deposited in the humane society fund established by section 5 of this chapter.

Sec. 5. (a) Effective January 1, 2008, the humane society fund (referred to as "the fund" in this section) is established.

(b) The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the fund not currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same

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manner as other public funds are invested. Interest that accrues from these investments shall be deposited in the fund.

(c) The bureau shall administer the fund. Expenses of administering the fund shall be paid from money in the fund.

(d) The bureau shall annually distribute the money in the fund to humane societies in Indiana.

(e) The amount distributed to a humane society under subsection (d) must equal the balance in the fund on June 30 multiplied by the percentage obtained by dividing:

(1) the number of humane society license plates issued by the bureau in the county in which the humane society is located during the year ending June 30; by

(2) the total number of humane society license plates issued by the bureau during the year ending June 30.

(f) The distributions under subsection (d) for a year ending June 30 shall be made not more than thirty (30) days after the end of the year.

(g) Money in the fund at the end of a state fiscal year does not revert to the state general fund.

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